

His responsibilities as NZLLO to the United Nations  
 Armistice Commission, and as Staff Officer to the Commonwealth  
 Liaison Mission were in no way neglected. The head of the  
 Commonwealth Liaison Mission during Squadron Leader Rule's tour  
 has similarly forwarded a recommendation for the award of an  
 OBE highlighting Squadron Leader Rule's outstanding performance  
 of his military duties, concluding with "I consider Squadron  
 Leader Rule was an outstanding representative of his country."

The New Zealand Ambassador further reported that the officer  
 devoted himself to the interests of New Zealand, and of  
 New Zealand/Korean relations, to an extent that went far beyond  
 the call of duty. Although frequently under heavy pressure  
 of tasks entrusted to him by the Embassy, particularly in the  
 field of administering and assisting New Zealand aid projects  
 in Korea, he willingly undertook additional tasks which were  
 not included in his duties as a military Liaison officer.

Squadron Leader Rule's performance during his second tour  
 in Korea was outstanding. Although his primary responsibility  
 was as the NZLLO, it has been officially reported by the  
 New Zealand Ambassador to Korea (resident in Tokyo) that he  
 served his Embassy and New Zealand to an extraordinary extent  
 in a semi-official capacity. In effect, he was widely accepted  
 in Korea as New Zealand's diplomatic representative, and he  
 carried out many of the functions that have since been assumed  
 by the New Zealand Embassy in Seoul, established under a  
 Charge d'Affaires.

Squadron Leader Rule entered the Royal New Zealand Air  
 Force in August 1954 as a compulsory military training trainee,  
 and three months later transferred to the Regular Air Force  
 as a student pilot. On graduating from his pilot training  
 course in August 1955 he was commissioned and has served  
 continuously since that date. In January 1956 the officer  
 took up the appointment of New Zealand Military Liaison  
 Officer (NZLLO) on the staff of the Commonwealth Liaison Mission  
 to the United Nations Command, Korea and to the United Nations  
 Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom, Korea, returning  
 to New Zealand in November 1956. After a short period of  
 flying duties and as an intelligence staff officer he again  
 returned to the NZLLO Korea post in October 1958 for an extended  
 tour of duty of two years and seven months duration, returning  
 to New Zealand in May 1971.

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Royal New Zealand Air Force

Squadron Leader Peter Sydney Rule

To be a Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent  
 Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.)

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Throughout his service the officer has displayed qualities of loyalty, resourcefulness, enthusiasm, and dedication to a high degree. The practical expression of these qualities during his most recent tour of duty in Korea is considered to be in every way worthy of recognition.

I would not have believed that one single officer and a Korean driver/clerk, could have achieved so much, and made so many friends.